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KAMLOOPS ALLOWABLE ANNUAL CUT MAINTAINED

VICTORIA – The allowable annual cut for the Kamloops timber supply area will remain essentially unchanged, British Columbia chief forester Larry Pedersen announced today.

"The overall timber supply in the Kamloops timber supply area is stable, and the allowable annual cut can be maintained in the short term," Pedersen said.

Effective Jan. 1, 2003 the allowable annual cut will be 2,682,770 cubic metres. The new harvest level consists of:

- 2,361,900 cubic metres from conventional stands.
- 200,000 cubic metres from cedar and hemlock stands.
- 86,000 cubic metres from low-quality timber under a non-replaceable forest licence called Pulpwood Agreement 16.
- 20,000 cubic metres from deciduous stands.

The last timber supply review for the Kamloops timber supply area was completed in 1996 when the allowable annual cut was set at 2,679,180 cubic metres. The new allowable annual cut excludes 31,280 cubic metres administered as woodlot licences. The new harvest level includes an increase of 14,870 cubic metres as the result of an Innovative Forest Practices Agreement in the Adams Lake area.

Although some deciduous harvesting has taken place in the Kamloops timber supply area, a specific deciduous component is new to this determination.

"There is an emerging demand for deciduous timber in the Kamloops timber supply area that can be accommodated within this allowable annual cut," Pedersen said.

The determination also indicates that the ongoing mountain pine beetle infestation can currently be managed within the new allowable annual cut, which takes into consideration a range of environmental, social and economic goals, including the requirements of the Kamloops land and resource management plan.

The Kamloops timber supply area covers about 2.67 million hectares in the south-central Interior. It includes the city of Kamloops and the smaller communities of Ashcroft, Avola, Cache Creek, Savona, Chase, Logan Lake, Barriere, Blue River, Clearwater, Little Fort and Vavenby.

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The determination and the summary of public input on the Kamloops timber supply review are available at www.for.gov.bc.ca/tsb/tsr2/tsa/tsa15/tsa15.htm and at the following Forest Service offices:

- Clearwater forest district, 250-587-6700
- Kamloops forest district, 250-371-6500
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For more information on the timber supply review, visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/tsb on the Internet.

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